

1           **COMMUNICATING BETWEEN A DIGITAL VIDEO RECORDER (DVR) AND**  
2           **A SET TOP BOX (STB) TO COORDINATE THE DISPLAY OF A GRAPHICAL**  
3           **USER INTERFACE**

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5           **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

6           A digital video recorder (DVR) for use with a monitor and a set top box (STB) is  
7 disclosed. The STB demodulates program data from a program signal received over a  
8 communication channel and generates a STB graphical user interface (GUI). The DVR comprises  
9 a local memory for storing the program data received from the STB, a DVR interface for  
10 communicating with the STB, and a DVR controller. The DVR controller generates a DVR GUI,  
11 and in response to user input, communicates with the STB to coordinate whether the STB GUI or  
12 the DVR GUI is displayed on the monitor.